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LETTER DATED 5 AUGUST 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that, as a result of Armenia's aggression and its occupation of the Agdam district in Azerbaijan, the number of registered refugees and displaced persons in Azerbaijan has risen by 125,810 (23,552 families). The overall number of persons who have been driven from their homes as a result of "ethnic cleansing" by the Armenian armed forces in the occupied 17 per cent of Azerbaijani territory is now approximately 620,000.

Refugees from Agdam district are accommodated in 35 districts of Azerbaijan and in Baku, the capital. The refugees include a large number of children who have suffered moral and psychological damage that will be hard to remedy. The majority of them have had to interrupt their attendance of schools and kindergartens.

As a result of the Armenian aggression, 409 schools and 101 kindergartens have been destroyed in districts of Azerbaijan occupied by Armenian armed forces. The specific figures are 24 schools and 7 kindergartens in Shusha, 105 schools and 5 kindergartens in Lachin, 37 schools and 3 kindergartens in Khojaly, 96 schools and 6 kindergartens in Kelbajar, 102 schools and 80 kindergartens in Agdam, and 44 schools in Fizuli and Geranboy districts.

In view of the adoption by the Security Council on 30 April of resolution 822 (1993), and more recently its adoption of resolution 853 (1993) in which it "... condemns all hostile actions in the region, in particular attacks on civilians and bombardments of inhabited areas", I request you to take the necessary measures to ensure that the Republic of Armenia complies with the provisions of these resolutions.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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